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placed his house and all it contained at the service of the young Duke and his friends so long as they remained ashore, and they gladly availed themselves of the hospitable tender. They made the house a pandemonium for a few days, and the captain substantially assisted in the uproar. They had evidently learned something of the character of their host, and the style in which they were received at his door satisfied them that they had made no mistake in accepting his hospitality.

Taking the Duke by the hand the captain bowed courteously and said: "Duke, I greet and welcome you and your friends to this humble habitation. Aloha nui! It is yours as long as you choose to honor it with your presence. You will be safe under its roof, for it is protected by the flag of the greatest nation on earth. I will add the English flag if you would provide me with one. Do what you please with the house and its contents. I only ask that you will not set them on fire, unless you find it difficult to enjoy yourselves in any other way. One of your uncles, Duke, hired a lot of Hessians to annoy some of my ancestors a while back. But that has been forgiven long ago. Walk right in and I'll show you your quarters."

Entering and sampling the captain's stimulants two or three times, which put them all in a rollicking good humor, the guests were escorted through the house and finally to a large room on the ground floor containing a sunken stone reservoir ten or fifteen feet square, filled with water to the depth of six or eight feet, which was kept pure and cool by the constant passage through it of a rivulet of water diverted from a mountain stream. The weather was hot and sultry and the great basin of cool water looked inviting.

"Gentlemen," said the captain, "here is a bath fit for a king. It is the only place in the house that I am not ashamed of."

"Lovely!" exclaimed the Duke, with enthusiasm. "As it is sometimes the custom of hosts to first drink from a vessel before offering it to their guests, as a guarantee against poison, it would not be out of place, captain, for you to take the first plunge." Then placing his hand on the huge shoulder of his host and turning to his comrades, he continued: "I propose, lads, that we all unite in giving him a British baptism."

The proposal was received with rollicking satisfaction, and four or five of the party advanced as if to seize and pitch the captain into the reservoir. The latter smiled grimly and politely said:

"Certainly, boys, it will assure you in the least, pick me right up and throw me in if you can. But as there would be no fun in it unless I made a little friendly resistance, you had better include in the scuffle the 200 or 300 marines and sailors you've got aboard to make the game somewhat nearer even."

Roars of laughter followed and young Beresford seized one of the captain's arms with the cry of, "Catch-as-you-can, lads."

"Hold a minute, boys," exclaimed Captain Tom, with a twinkle in his eye. "I intend to throw you all in, one after another, and as I've always wanted to duck one of Vic's boys I'll commence with this one. In the name of the great American eagle, here goes!" with which he seized the Duke under the arms and flung him into the reservoir. He then started for the others, but they laughingly scattered and the frolic ended.

The Duke took his involuntary plunge in the utmost good humor, and he and Captain Tom became the jolliest of friends. Nor did the Duke forget him after leaving the island. He sent him a magnificent watch and other valuable keepsakes from the nearest port at which they could be obtained, and in return received a photograph of the bath in which he had been baptized in the name of the American eagle.

The following circumstance was related to me by Captain Spencer himself, and is therefore substantially correct. It occurred immediately after the news of the fall of Vicksburg had reached the islands, and when his heart was rent with grief at the internal strife which threatened the very life of the republic. He was on his way from Honolulu to Hilo. Among the passengers of the little steamer were two Australian tourists. In the midst of others on deck they talked of the rebellion in the United States, and agreed in the opinion that General Grant was a drunkard who knew but little or nothing of military strategy, and that whatever successes he had achieved were mainly due to the cowardice of his opponents. The conversation was carried on in a loud tone, and Captain Tom could not help but hear the most of it as he walked the deck. Unable to control himself he finally stopped in front of the offending critics, and politely said:

"Gentlemen, you have just been speaking of General Grant in an insulting manner, and I could not help but overhear your conversation."

The persons addressed stared at the speaker without replying, and the Captain continued:

"You have referred to General Grant as a military fraud and drunkard, and to the people of a certain section of the American republic as cowards. General Grant is a countryman of mine and you must apologize."

"And what if we refuse?" inquired one of them defiantly.

"Then I shall throw both of you overboard," was the Captain's blunt reply, and drawing out his watch he added: "I will give you just five minutes to do it in."

The tourists began to grow uneasy, there was something about the Captain's bulk and demeanor that suggested trouble. One of them stepped briskly to the purser's window, and pointing to Captain Tom, told him of

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